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2,000 WOMEN DO TELEPHONE MAINTENANCE WORK

Women are being trained at the rate of 500 a month to assist Post Office engineers to maintain the country's telephone service. There are already nearly 2,000 of them releasing skilled men for the more important work demanding urgent attention.

Scarcely any of these women have had previous experience of practical telephone work. After a short course in a training school, and accompanying male colleagues and watching them at work, they are soon able to fit and recover subscribers' telephones and repair simple faults.

If their jobs need a van they will drive one of the familiar Post Office green engineering vans.

Some of the girls now in training will assist on maintenance work in telephone exchanges and repeater stations; others will learn soldering: still more will repair worn teleprinters and mend dials.

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